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**CHRISTOPHER D. VAN GORDER, FACHE, ELECTED TO  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHICAGO, March 17, 2007**— Christopher D. Van Gorder, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, Scripps Health, San Diego, has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Van Gorder took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 50th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in New Orleans. He will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE's Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

Van Gorder has served as president and chief executive officer of Scripps Health since 2000. Scripps Health is a nonprofit, integrated healthcare delivery system with five acute-care hospitals, Scripps Clinic, an ambulatory care network and more than 2,600 affiliated physicians. Van Gorder's responsibilities include all functions of the \$1.7 billion corporation.

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From 1999 to 2000, Van Gorder served Scripps Health as chief of Healthcare Operations. Prior to joining Scripps Health, he served Memorial Health Services (MHS) in Long Beach, Calif., as executive vice president of MHS (1996–1999), chief executive officer of Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (1997–1999) and president and chief executive officer of Anaheim Memorial Medical Center (1995–1997).

Prior to being elected an ACHE Governor, Van Gorder was appointed to ACHE's Board of Governors in June 2006 as an interim Governor. Van Gorder currently is regional policy board member for the American Hospital Association and editorial board member of The Governance Institute in addition to several local leadership roles. Van Gorder also was appointed to the U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in December 2004 and California Governor's Commission on Emergency Medical Services in March 2006. He is the Commander of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Unit and holds the rank of Reserve Commander. He also serves the University of Southern California as assistant clinical professor and Health Advisory Board member in the School of Public Policy and Planning, Residency Advisory Board member, clinical mentor and residency preceptor.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Van Gorder received his master's degree in public health and health services administration from the University of Southern California and his bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles. He completed the Program for Healthcare System Chief Executive Officers of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

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### **American College of Healthcare Executives**

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE is also known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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